

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 12 and 13 are in the case. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 12 and 13 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-11 and 14-30 have been canceled.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Stephenson, Jr. et al., independent Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection, with Claims 3, 4, 7, 12 and 13 depending from Claim 1 and including further limitations patentably distinct from the prior art. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-11 and 14-30 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot with respect thereto.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 12 and 13 are neither anticipated nor suggested by the reference to Stephenson, Jr. et al., nor by any of the art of record, whether considered alone or in any combination, and that these claims are allowable over all of the art of record. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

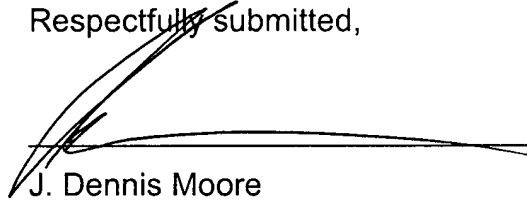
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668

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Respectfully submitted,

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